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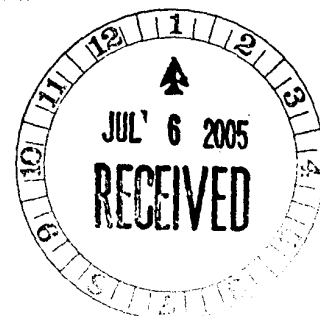
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In Re: Docket No. AB-556 (Sub No. 2X), Railroad Ventures, Inc. – Abandonment  
Exemption – Between Youngstown, OH, and Darlington, PA in Mahoning and  
Columbiana Counties, OH and Beaver County, PA

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001




Dear Secretary Williams:

On June 15, 2005, the Ohio Rail Development Commission filed a Petition to Intervene in the above captioned proceeding or in the Alternative, Appear as Amicus Curia in Support of Columbiana County Port Authority. This pleading was received by our office while counsel for Railroad Ventures Inc. ("RVI") and principals at RVI were on vacations or out of town. Accordingly, we were unable to consult with our client for instructions until July 5, 2005.

I have spoken with Allen H. Klodell, Esq. and requested that he afford RVI a brief extension in which to file a response to the ORDC's petition. Mr. Klodell indicated he had no objection to RVI's request. Accordingly, RVI respectfully requests that the Board grant it a two week extension until July 20, 2005 in which to file a reply to the ORDC petition.

Very truly yours,

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